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Wellesley Police Department Growing Beards for a Cause during "No Shave November"

November 1, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) – Several members of the Wellesley Police Department are participating in "No Shave November" for the 3rd consecutive year. This month, participants from around the world, including many law enforcement agencies, put down their razors to join the fight against cancer. Every dollar raised supports efforts to fund cancer research and education to prevent the disease, and to aid those fighting a battle against cancer.

Wellesley Police Chief Jack Pilecki authorized members of the Wellesley Police Department to participate in this event and waived the standard facial hair grooming policy during the month of November 2021, allowing officers to grow out their facial hair in support of this international campaign.

"No Shave November" is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. Members of the Wellesley Police Department will each donate \$100 to participate in the campaign. Every dollar raised during this event is donated to Cops for Kids with Cancer, an organization supporting families with children battling cancer. These families can receive a check for \$5,000 or more to help improve their quality of life while their child is battling this terrible disease.

Residents who would like to support this cause are encouraged to learn more and donate through the Cops for Kids with Cancer website.

About No Shave November

Worldwide each year approximately 400,000 children are diagnosed with cancer. The mission of "No Shave November" is to not only raise funds for cancer research and treatment, but also to educate the public about preventative measures. Learn more at https://no-shave.org/